

False Arms Data Alleged By Symington

Sees Facts Juggled
To Balance Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—
Sen. Stuart Symington, D., Mo.,
accused the Eisenhower admin-
istration today of juggling in-
telligence data to balance the
budget.

But he recoiled at a repor-
ter's suggestion that this charge
was so serious he might con-
sider it grounds for impeachment
of President Eisenhower.

The Senator said that would
be unthinkable. He said it was
up to public opinion to halt
what he called "misinformation
about our deterrent power."

In a Senate speech, and be-
forehand at a press conference
where the text was distributed,
Sen. Symington declared:

"The intelligence books have
been juggled so the budget
books may be balanced . . .

"I charge the Administration
with using intelligence infor-
mation in such a manner that
the American people have been
given an inaccurate picture of
what is necessary for our na-
tional defense."

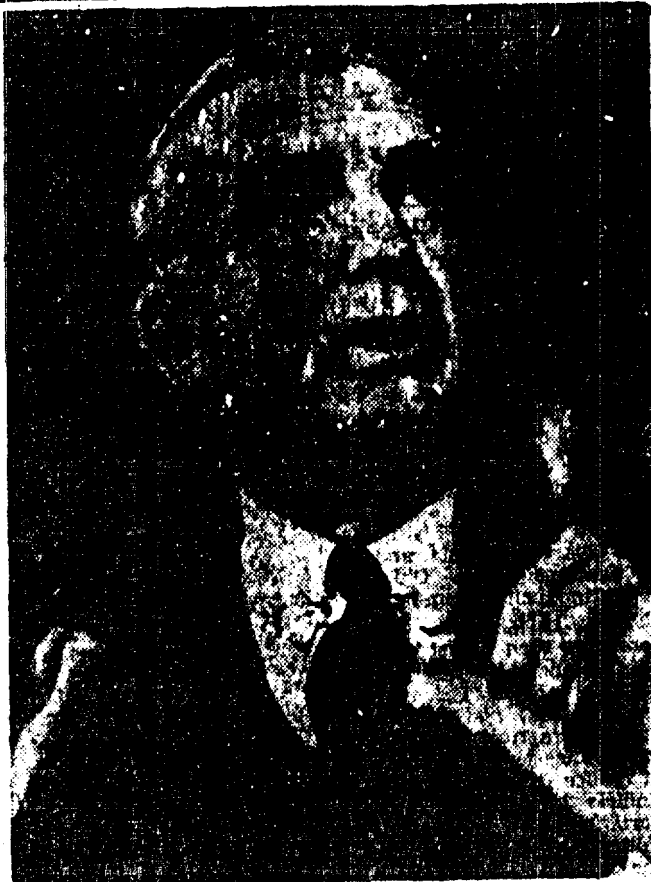
Notes Reds' Power

Sen. Symington, who says he
would like to be President but
has not announced his candi-
dacy for the Democratic nomi-
nation, said he was sure he
would be accused of playing
politics.

His accusation was that the
Administration manipulated its
intelligence estimates of Soviet
missile strength to justify its
contention that America is
strong enough, on balance, to
keep the Soviet Union from
launching an attack. He said
Russia has three times as many
missiles as the United States,
a ratio the Administration
says longer exists.

"The facts are that a very
substantial missile gap does ex-
ist and the Administration ap-
parently is going to permit this
gap to increase," Sen. Syming-
ton said.

The Symington salvo kept
going a running battle touched
off by the testimony last week
of Secretary of Defense Thomas



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Sen. Symington discussing speech he made on the
Senate floor with capital newsmen yesterday.

S. Gates Jr. The Secretary left
the impression on Capitol Hill
that a new method of evaluat-
ing intelligence about Russia's
intentions to use its capabilities
showed there was "no deterrent
gap."

President Eisenhower since
has said Mr. Gates was mis-
understood and would eventu-
ally clarify his meaning. Allen
W. Dulles, director of the Cen-
tral Intelligence Agency, said
in New York last night there
was nothing new about the way
Soviet data is evaluated.

An Explanation

Mr. Gates said tonight that
new information about Soviet
missiles, not new ground rules
for weighing such information,
was the basis for Administra-
tion optimism about defense.
He made this statement in a
speech prepared for the Repub-
lican party's "Dinner with Ike"
celebration at Portland, Ore.
He was unable to deliver the
speech in person because the
commercial jet flight supposed
to take him there was cancelled
due to mechanical trouble.

Meanwhile, the House Space
Committee clashed with Dr.
Keith R. Glennan, head of the
National Aeronautics and Space

Administration. The incident
raised the temperature of both
Dr. Glennan and Rep. Overton
Brooks, D., La., chairman of the
committee.

Dr. Glennan and his top aids
waited an hour and twenty min-
utes to testify. When finally
called, Dr. Glennan in a state-
ment said he will seek "sub-
stantial additional funds" for
development of super-rockets.
These, he said, would enable
America to surpass Russia in
space in four to five years.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, D.,
Tex., served notice that he
wants proof from the Adminis-
tration that America has an
adequate space program. He
said this will be the key ques-
tion at joint hearings begin-
nings Friday before the Senate
Space and Defense Prepared-
ness Committees.